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1. (C//NF) Summary: Poloff met with Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Levant team leader Nishi Dholakia on December 1 to discuss Israel's Conceptually Positive -----
2. (C//NF) Poloff met with Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Levant team leader Nishi Dholakia on December 1 to discuss Israel's recently Don't Give Netanyahu "Cover" -----
3. (C//NF) The FCO's "biggest concern" with the moratorium is that it not be used by Israeli PM Netanyahu as a "cover." Echoing the concerns Supporting the PA -----
4. (C//NF) Dholakia expressed further concern over Palestinian Authority (PA) President Abbas' "very weak" position and how this might play in Negotiating EU Conclusions -----
5. (C//NF) Dholakia informed Poloff that the UK is currently actively engaged in negotiating the text of the EU Conclusion on the Middle East Comment -----
6. (C//NF) Dholakia added that perhaps there was some utility to the UK, and the EU in general, taking a harder stand with Israel in partnership with Susman